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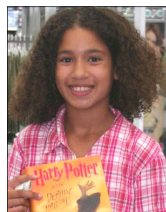
Potter fans purchase in record time!

Story and photos by Amy L. Bugala

Hundreds of Harry Potter fans lined up outside the Bamberg AAFES bookstore and the PX late Friday evening in anticipation of the release of the latest and last J.K. Rowling book in the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

While awaiting the release, customers enjoyed late night shopping, a history of Hogwarts Trivia contest and magical face painting. Dozens of Harry and Hermione look-alikes roamed the crowd demonstrating their proficiency performing charms and spells while being photographed for the contest that evening.

At 12:01 a.m. Ariyanna Fayson, became the first Bamberg AAFES customer to own the coveted hard copy. She arrived at 10:30 p.m. to make certain she would get one of 220 books on sale.



Ariyanna Fayson

Approximately 125 books went into the hands of eager readers within five minutes of the cartons being opened. "The books were sold out in Bamberg as of Monday, but we were able to restock the shelves mid-week with copies from another AAFES facility," reported Audrey Alston, Bamberg AAFES Store Manager.

The party continued after the initial sales rush with cake, punch and a look-a-like contest. It's rumored that there was polyjuice potion in the punch being served because the look-a-like contest winners were dead ringers for Hermione and Harry. The look-a-like winners, Lexie Holden, (Hermione) and Braeden Wessel (Harry) took home new bikes courtesy of AAFES.

Diehard fans like Wessel don't believe this will be the end for Harry Potter and his magical world. Wessel said he expects the series to continue with a story about the afterlife of all the characters. Millions of fans world-wide will have to read, wait and see.



(Above) Audrey Alston, Bamberg AAFES store manager counts down the seconds to the midnight release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" late Friday evening.



(Above) Hermione (Lexie Holden) and Harry Potter (Braeden Wessel) look-a-likes claim their prizes Friday evening courtesy of Bamberg AAFES.



Players earn first tennis titles

IMCOM-E PAO release Heidelberg, Germany

The U.S. Forces Europe tennis championships saw two first-time men's and women's singles title earned during the competition held here July 20-22.

Jamie Rydell, from Bamberg, Germany, defeated, Roy Tannis, from Darmstadt, Germany, 6-3, 6-1, while Ramstein's Maya Pardee stopped Heidelberg's Alessandra Pickerill 6-1, 7-5.

It was Rydell's and Pardees first USF singles crown. To reach the final round, Ry-

(Left) Jamie Rydell returns a shot on his way to winning the men's single title of the U.S. Forces Europe tennis championships.

Photo by Ray Johnson

dell defeated Rachid Lanrissi, Mike Listopad and Eric Latson in earlier matches, while Pardee won over Kim Daffron and Ginger Baker.

Other titles went to:

- **Men's senior:** Craig Hendrix defeated Gus Leotta 6-0, 6-0
- **Men's masters:** Markus Ray Ford over James Moss 6-3, 6-2
- **Men's doubles:** Sam Pohl and Steve Kwon handled Rydell and Moss 2-6, 7-5, 6-1
- **Women's doubles:** Kim Daffron and Sally Cotter beat Paulina Ryan and Alice Rahaeuser 6-1, 6-0
- **Mixed doubles:** Tannis and Pickerill stopped Mark and Maya Pardee 6-0, 6-1

If you have questions, we have answers! Attend the next Bamberg Community Town Hall, Wed. Aug 8 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall!

Quality healthcare in Bamberg a 'certainty'

USAG Bamberg Public Affairs release

During these uncertain times of change and transformation of the Army in Europe, it is comforting to know that quality healthcare is a certainty.



Maj. Pablito Gahol

Maj. Pablito "Bob" Gahol, took command of the Bamberg U.S. Army Health Clinic in early June, and pledged to continue to provide the highest quality of medical care to our Soldiers and families. "In addition to my commitment to this community, I pledge my dedication to the staff of this health clinic and I will provide guidance and the means for them to do their jobs so that we can accomplish our mission," he said.

One of Gahol's first hurdles includes offering timely care with a shortage of providers due to summer moves and deployments. He explains some of the solutions he has already implemented to meet the medical needs of this community.

"We are working closely with our host nation medical facilities to ensure that the members of the community continue to receive the best medical care they deserve," he said. A recent agreement made with several host nation pediatricians and family physicians for same day appointments, now ensures that patients will be seen when needed. "If a patient cannot be seen in the Bamberg Health Clinic on the same day, the patient will be given a referral to be seen on the economy," explained Gahol.

Prior to the start of school or fall sports season, the volume of routine physicals can make it difficult to schedule a timely appointment. To address this, the health clinic conducted a Sports and School Physical day last Saturday, providing parents with a weekend option for obtaining their child's required CYS and school physical.

"We saw 104 patients, which now make it possible for children to participate in sports and sign up for school, without waiting for an appointment" he said. Some patients and parents gave suggestions for improvements that will be considered for this service in the future.



Alexis Keith, who will turn four in August, has her reflexes checked during a sports physical conducted by Dr. Win on Sat. July 21. Staff Sgt. Micheal Keith, USHC Bavaria MEDAC, took advantage of the Saturday clinic to get Alexis her CYS sports physical for the upcoming soccer season. Photo by Krista Browning

The clinic personnel will also begin visiting units and groups within the community to teach self-care classes. The object of these classes is to teach people how to treat minor ailments without having to go to the clinic. The nursing staff will take participants through simple cures and over-the-counter remedies. This health education program may over time reduce the number of same-day appointments.

U.S. Army Europe reminds drivers to keep licenses, registrations up to date

By Spc. Sean Finch, U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

United States Army Europe officials are reminding drivers to be sure to renew their USAREUR licenses and vehicle registrations to avoid fines and penalties.

Officials said allowing licenses to expire is one of the most common traffic offenses in the command. Because the USAREUR license is valid for five years from its issue date, many drivers forget to check the expiration date.

Claus Hensley, a traffic clerk with the U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg Provost Marshal's Office, noted that driving with a suspended or expired license carries with

Gahol is proud to be a part of the Bamberg community and encourages any comments or suggestions that may be used to improve the clinic and its services.

You can contact Major Gahol at pablito.gahol@us.army.mil or CIV:0951-300-8619 or DSN:469-8619.

it the potential for a criminal report that can even follow drivers back to their homes in the United States. (continued) Driving on an expired license can result in suspension or revocation of the license. Driving on a suspended or revoked license carries with it the penalty of having the license revoked for no less than five years — possibly indefinitely, said Hensley.

"It's also worth noting that anyone who allows someone to operate their vehicle without a valid license can suffer the same repercussions," added Hensley, who has been with the PMO nearly four years.

"Those (drivers) I've seen get this offense state that they forgot or didn't notice that the license had expired," said Maj Valerie Henderson, commander, (continued)

See Charlotte's Web this weekend at the Stable Theater! Performances on Fri. and Sat., at 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 5 p.m. Call 469-8647 to reserve your seat!

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAREUR.

Henderson said as a commander she is concerned that she has noticed a recent increase in driving offenses. For example, the major said, there has also been an increase in drivers operating vehicles on expired registrations.

"Most registration violations we hear about are on post and usually called in by military police or the Ponds guards (the civilian guards posted at the entrances to many USAREUR installations)," said Hensley. "For the first offense we will confiscate the (license) plates from the vehicle and the operator must rectify the situation before he can have his plates returned."

Community Announcements

Parking Reminder for Warner Barracks Residents

USAG Bamberg reminds all Warner Barracks residents to follow post policy 05-43 when parking their vehicles. This policy states that all residents will park in their own designated parking space. Since there is a very limited number of parking spaces in the housing areas, every family has only one designated parking space. Please be sure to park your vehicle in your assigned space so you are not inconveniencing your neighbor. If you have an extra vehicle and are not sure where to park it or are not sure where your assigned parking space is, please contact your building coordinator. To read the full policy, go to <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/policies/05-43.doc>.

Attend next Community Town Hall Aug. 8

The next Community Town Hall will be on Wed. Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall. Community leaders from the Garrison Command Group, Directorate of Public Works, AAFES, Service Credit Union, Commissary, DMWR, DoDDs, Chaplains Office, Legal Assistance and more will be on hand to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Make appointment to ship Hold Baggage

The Bamberg post office is expecting heavy PCS hold baggage mailings this summer. If you are PCS'ing and want to mail authorized hold baggage items with government reimbursement, please make a mailing appointment.

Appointments can be made for the morning prior to the Post Office opening and can be accommodated during the business day based on staffing.

Regular postal patrons take priority over hold baggage for PCS moves so please take advantage of the appointment system and reduce the time you may spend waiting in line. Call the Post Office at DSN:469-8820 to schedule your appointment. The Bamberg Post Office is open normal business hours from, Mon. to Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thur. 12 to 6 p.m.

Send Warner Weekly submissions on time!

The Warner Weekly/CIC deadline for all submissions will now be 2 weeks prior to the desired publication/broadcast. This new policy for all announcements (including garrison closures and events) will be in effect starting with the Fri. Aug 3 edition.



Photo by James Fredrick

Summer sleuths discover reading

Solleyha Mathurin, daughter of Sgt. Johnny Mathurin from the 317th Maint. Co., proudly displays her summer reading program final project. Although her favorite book this summer was "The Trumpeter of Krakow", this piece was inspired by "The Little Mermaid" as well as the aquarium at the Nuremberg Zoo. Participants in this year's program, themed "Get a Clue @Your Library", read a variety of books, completed a project and enjoyed trips to Nuremberg and Rothenburg ob der Tauber. While on the outings the children searched for clues and solved puzzles arranged by program coordinator Karen Lazzeri. The world-wide program, based on the American Library Association's curriculum, is designed to spark an early interest in reading and provide a constructive activity for the downtime between school years.

The earlier deadline gives you more opportunities to get the word out and ultimately more exposure for your activity or event. Please mind the deadline to ensure that your request is fulfilled.

Private organizations wishing to make an announcement must be registered. Fundraising events must be pre-approved through the MWR Financial Management Division, located in Bldg. 7107. For publication/broadcast email bambergpao@eur.army.mil or call DSN:469-2000 / CIV:0951-300-2000.

Weekly Reminders

Attend next P.E.P. class Aug. 13-17

Are you new to USAG Bamberg? If this is your first tour overseas, then PEP is a "must"! Get to know the garrison and the town of Bamberg by touring the city with the ACS PEP program. Learn how to use the public transportation system, how to shop and visit the Bamberg Klinikum. Free childcare is provided (space is limited). PEP is free and takes place Mon. Aug. 13 to Fri. Aug 17, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call Bamberg ACS at CIV:0951-300-7777 for details.

Hear our Soldiers on AFN radio

Soldiers from the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team in Afghanistan will be calling into AFN every Monday during the 7 a.m. hour to tell their stories. Calls from the 1-91 CAV, 4-319 AFAR, 173d STB and the 173d BSB Soldiers will be aired on AFN Franconia, AM station 1143 in Bamberg.

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A friendly reminder from your Commissary...

If you purchase coffee at the Commissary, a ration card is needed for American and European labeled products.

For questions concerning ration cards please contact your unit or the USAG Bamberg Directorate of Human Resources Office at DSN:469-7713 for more information.

ETSing? Attend the next pre-separation briefing

Are you ETSing or chaptering out of the military within the next 6 months to 1 year? Then sign-up to attend a mandatory Pre-Separation Briefing the last Tuesday of every month. The next briefing will be Tue. July 31. Within 6 months of ETSing, orders are ready! The Bamberg Transition Center is located in Bldg 7029 Rm. 101. For more information contact Stephen Hatcher at DSN:469-7966.



Do your part to save energy and conserve natural resources. Check back weekly for great energy saving and recycling tips brought to you by the Bamberg Environmental Office.

Energy saving tips

- Use daylight as much as possible.
- Use task lighting instead of overhead lights.
- Please turn off lights during unoccupied periods and at night time when not controlled by clock.

Recycling tips for home and office

- Join the parents who now use cloth diapers for their babies.
- Recycle old curtains or exchange them.
- Try reclamation yards, skips, auctions, and second-hand shops when doing DIY jobs.

For more information on what you can do to save our natural resources and help reduce the effects of global warming contact the Bamberg Environmental Office at 0951-300-7730.

Health and Fitness

Bamberg Aqua Barons needs coaches

The Aqua Baron swim team is looking for more coaching staff. Contact Melissa Plamann at CIV:0951-2793817 or Lori Hodges at CIV:0951-2975137.

Continuing Education & Training

Learn automotive skills on July 29

On Sun. July 29, from 1 to 2 p.m. come learn how to change the oil in your POV, how to change a tire or other minor services and repairs. Did you know that you can do your own repairs on our repair bays and get assistance from qualified mechanics? Ask for our qualification card for use of automotive crafts shop equipment and save money! \$5, Free for FRG



Courtesy photo

Next stop, IMCOM-Europe Championships!!

The 16th Sustainment Brigade Unit-Level Softball Team placed first in the Bamberg Softball Championship double elimination tournament held here July 18-20. The team will compete next in the IMCOM-Europe level Championships in Darmstadt, Aug 2-5. Congratulations to the team and good luck!

Substance abuse training mandatory for DA civilians

Department of the Army civilians (AF and NAF) must complete a minimum of 2 hours of substance abuse prevention training annually. Bamberg ASAP is offering courses to fulfill this requirement Aug. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m., Aug. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information call Darlene Copeland at DSN:469-7038.

Bamberg Education Center

Registration for Term I begins Aug. 6. Classes start Aug. 20.

Bamberg Education Center:	469-7715
Central Texas College:	469-7467
University of Maryland University College:	469-7466 / 7670
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University:	469-9279

Term I Course Schedule (Aug. 20 through Oct. 13)

Lunchtime Classes every Mon. through Thur.

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (3 s.h.)

BIOL 211	Environmental Science	(UMUC)
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Evening Classes every Monday & Wednesday

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (3 s.h.)

HUMN 127	World Religions	(UMUC)
STAT200	Introduction to Statistics	(UMUC)

Evening Classes every Tuesday & Thursday

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (3 s.h.)

BMGT 110	Introduction to Business Management	(UMUC)
GERM 111	Elementary German I	(UMUC)

Evening Classes every Tuesday & Thursday

6 – 8 p.m. (3 s.h.)

CDEC 2326	Administration of Programs for Children	(CTC)
CJSA 1342	Criminal Investigation	(CTC)

Weekend Classes (1 s.h.)

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Aug. 25/26; 8/9 & Sept. 22/23; Oct. 6/7
 BEHS 210 Introduction to Social
 and Behavioral Science (UMUC)

Weekend Seminars— Saturday and Sunday

9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (1 s.h.)

LIBS150 Information Literacy and
 Research Methods (UMUC)
 (Sept. 8 and 22)
 CMST100A Introduction to Microcomputers:
 Hardware & Software (UMUC)
 (Sept. 15 and 16)

Kids and Teens**Student 2 Student Welcome Week**

Are you new to Bamberg? Feeling anxious about your first day of school? All 7th through 12th graders are invited to participate in the CYS Student 2 Student Welcome Week program Aug. 20 to 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This jam packed program will take you on a behind the scenes tour of your new school, on an underground tour of Bamberg, a trip to an amusement park, a high ropes course and more. No teachers, no parents – just the facts about Middle/High School from one student to another. Register at the CYS Central Registration and Enrollment office or call Kim Kozel at CIV:0951-300-7469.

Bamberg Performing Arts ballet workshop

The Bamberg Performing Arts club will be holding a ballet workshop on Aug. 8, 9 and 10 in the Bamberg Elementary School multipurpose room. Instructors Dr. Delome Greenwald-Schmitt and Mr. Helmut Schmitt will be teaching three classes each day.

- K to 1st grade will meet from 9 to 10:15 a.m., cost \$15.
- 2nd to 4th grade will meet from 10:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., cost \$30.
- 5th to 12th grade will meet from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m., cost \$30.

There are only 25 openings per class so contact Kat Whitbeck at CIV:0951-3014-121 or email BPAC04@googlemail.com today to sign up.

Middle School Teen Trips

Trips are open to CYS registered Middle School Students!

Prague: Aug. 4, FREE!
Leipzig Zoo: Aug. 4, 5:45 a.m. 12€
BUGA, German National Garden Show: Aug. 7, 6:30 a.m. \$10
Palm Beach Nuernberg: Aug. 8, 9:45 a.m. EUR 15.00
Holiday Park: Aug. 10, 6 a.m. EUR 25€
Geiselwind Amusement Park: Aug. 21, 9 a.m. 21.50€
Skyland Park: Aug. 24, 6 a.m. 16€

CYS camps + sun = summer fun!

Kids and teens can get their fill of action and adventure one week at a time at summer camp! School age services (SAS) is offering a variety of "Fun in the Summer Sun" camps for grades K-5. Contact Patrice Turner-Lapp at CIV:0951-300-8698 for more information.

The CYS Middle School Teen Program, is offering week long camps for kids ages 6 to 12. There's something for everyone. Download a copy of the CYS Summer Camp Program 2007 at www.bamberg.army.mil and register for a week or two today! Contact CIV:0951-300-8641 for more information.

Register for Vacation Bible School

Bamberg Community Vacation bible school will be held August 6-10 from 9 to 11:45 a.m. at the High School Gym and Annex. Imagine finding yourself projected back to Israel in the first century. Smell the exotic foods, explore authentic traditions, dress up in biblical costumes and experience the bible.

Families can step back in time and discover that the events in the bible really did happen in Group's Holy Land Adventure "Galilee-by-the-Sea". VBS is open to children 4 years of age (by 08/01) through those entering sixth grade for SY 07/08. Registration is available online at www.bamberg.army.mil

Click on Chapel, then VBS in the upper right hand corner. Register early and be sure to not miss this exciting event. For more information contact Luke Granger at the USAG Bamberg Chapel at DSN:469-8140.

Register for Girl Scouts' Twilight Camp

The Bamberg Girl Scouts will be hosting Twilight Camp Aug. 20 to 23 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. The camp is open to girls of all ages and will be held at Engineer Lake. Cost is \$35 for registered Girl Scouts and \$45 for new Girl Scouts. You can register now through Wed. Aug. 1 by calling Patty Sahli at CIV:0951-297-3679 or CIV:0162-296-6720 or email bamberggirlscouts@gmail.com for more information.

Entertainment & Leisure**See 'Charlotte's Web' this weekend**

E.B. White's classic tale - now a hit movie - is brought to life on stage at the Stable Theater this weekend. A humble pig saved from the butcher's axe by a clever spider, Charlotte, inspires the most famous supernatural public relations campaign in American history. Fri., and Sat. performances of Charlotte's Web are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday show is at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for kids 3-12/ students, E4 and below; \$25 family card, \$20 family card for E5 and below. Contact Jack Austin for more information at DSN:469-8647.

Fishing license certification

Going fishing? Not without a license! IMCOM-E certified instructors are offering fishing license certification courses at Bamberg Warner Barracks. For more information contact Bambergfishing@eur.army.mil or call CIV:0951-300-9010.

Photo Studio Special in August

Come in and get your photos taken from our photographer Kim in August and you will receive a coupon for 25% off on all materials for a project at the Matting and Framing Shop! Call the Community Activity Center at CIV:0951-300-8659 for more information or to set up an appointment.

AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is
CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Fri. July 27	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat. July 28	Shrek the Third (PG) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun. July 29	Shrek the Third (PG) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon. July 30	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur. Aug. 2	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 3	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 4	Hairspray (PG) Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 5	Hairspray (PG) Gracie (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon. Aug. 6	Hairspray (PG)	7 p.m.
Thur. Aug. 9	Gracie (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 10	The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 11	Surf's Up (PG) The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.

Trips & Travel Opportunities

See Seehof Castle

Visit Bamberg's Exhibition Tue. Aug. 7, 1 p.m. Librarian Andrea Wittkamp is taking interested parties on a guided tour to Schloss Seehof in Memmelsdorf. Participants meet at the Community Library. Please bring 3.50 Euros for the admission fee and guided tour.

1000 Years Bamberg Dioceses!

Tue. Aug. 21, 1 p.m. Librarian Andrea Wittkamp is taking you to this must-see exhibition and organizes a guided tour. See the famous cathedral treasure and a collection of most valuable medieval books that are exhibited only during this special show! Please bring Euros for the entry fee.

Take a trip with ODR in August

Take a trip this August with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

Go Kayaking on the Main River:	Aug. 4 & 18 (\$5)
Tour Under Bamberg:	Aug. 9 (\$20)
Trip to Europa Park:	Aug. 11 (\$10)
Munich Deutsches Museum:	Aug. 18 (\$10)
Visit Rothenburg ob der Tauber:	Aug. 25 (\$10)
Family Canoe Day:	Aug. 31 (\$5 p.p.)

Trips fill up quickly, so reserve your seat now. Contact the CAC for more info at DSN:469-8659.

Job Opportunities

Dance Instructor sought

Are you a dancer/choreographer who would like to earn some spare cash, teaching adults and older teens dance? The Bamberg Stable Theater is in search of tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, salsa and/or jitterbug dance teachers to contract. Call Jack Austin at Stable Theater CIV:0951-300-8647 for details.

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

Most events can be found on the Bamberg city map. To find a location, click here www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/news/map.pdf

Friday, July 27

- 5 p.m. 8th Bamberg vintage airplanes meeting at Bamberg Airfield (*next to park and ride Breitenau*), free entry
- 7:30 p.m. Summer Serenades Music Festival at Schloss Seehof, Memmelsdorf
- 9 p.m. "The Twang" with a different style of country music performs at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)

Saturday, July 28

- All day 8th Bamberg vintage airplanes meeting at Bamberg Airfield (*next to park and ride Breitenau*), free entry
- 6 p.m. Wine fest in Burgebrach (*96138*) schoolyard with live music
- 6:30 p.m. Wine fest at Trunstadt Castle (*Trunstadt, 96191*) with open air brass concert
- 7 p.m. Rose garden serenades at the rose garden (*near the dome*)
- 7:30 p.m. Summer Serenades Music Festival at Schloss Seehof, Memmelsdorf
- 8 p.m. Ozzy Osborn on stage in Munich, Olympiahalle
- 11 p.m. Funk and "Nu Jazz" at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

Sunday, July 29

- All day 8th Bamberg vintage airplanes meeting at Bamberg Airfield (*next to park and ride Breitenau*), free entry
- All day Free Family Fest at Adenauerufer (*channel river bank, Kunigundendamm*) with pony riding, surfing simulator, trampoline, mini olympic games and 25 show acts on stage
- 10 a.m. 4th Gundelsheim creek fest in Gundelsheim (*96163, Bachstrasse*), open air
- 11 a.m. Summer Serenades Music Festival at Schloss Seehof
- 8 p.m. Klezmer concert "Klezmers Tochter – Blue Nigun" (jewish music) at Castle Geyerswoerth (*next to tourist information, down town*)

Upcoming concerts

Here is a selection of concert in other German towns that might be of interest. For tickets call CIV:01805/570 000 or check out the www.eventim.de or any other ticket office.

August 13	Rolling Stones in Duesseldorf
August 28	TOOL in Frankfurt, Jahrhunderthalle
September 12	Gwen Stefani in Munich
September 15	Gwen Stefani in Cologne
October 10	Keith Urban in Munich, Zenith
October 11	Keith Urban in Frankfurt, Jahrhunderthalle
October 13	World Wrestling "Survivor Series" in Cologne
October 22	Meat Loaf in Mannheim at SAP Arena
October 24	Meat Loaf at Arena Nuremberg Versicherung

Local Activities:

July 20 - August 10 - Antiques Fair

12th Art and Antiques Weeks in downtown Bamberg. All antiques traders in the downtown area will display their goods.

Enjoy your coffee in a downtown café

Bamberg, being a university town, has a large number of coffee shops where you can sit in or outdoors and enjoy a latte macchiato and do some people watching. It's very common for some to sit for hours, reading the paper or a book, while just having a few cups of coffee. Unlike the states there is no pressure to hurry and visitors are invited to stay as long as they want. Most coffee shops can be found on the little street parallel to the pedestrian zone shopping area, called Austrasse.



Levi Strauss Museum

Today, Levi's Jeans are world famous. Only a few people know, however, that Levi Strauss,

the "father" of these blue trousers was born in Buttenheim, near Bamberg, in 1829. Visit the museum and find out how "Jeans" were born and compare styles from earlier times till today. The museum is at Marktstrasse 23 Buttenheim (96155). **Hours of operation:** Tue and Thur. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sat and Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Go to <http://www.levi-strauss-museum.com/> for more information. Site is in English and German languages.

As seen in the NEWS ...

News summaries from July 20 through July 26

Heavy thunderstorms cause woman to drown

As parts of Frankonia were hit by thunderstorms and a flash flood, the counties of Forchheim and Erlangen-Hoechstadt were put on red alert. More than 2,600 houses were flooded. In Poxdorf near Forchheim an elderly woman drowned in her basement apartment when the floods came. On autobahn A 73 between Baiersdorf and Moehrendorf, the water level rose up to 1,50 meters high. Several hundred drivers were temporarily caught in their cars and had to be rescued by boat. After the waters receded, authorities estimated the damages to be in the millions.

New indoor pool for Bamberg

The city council finally approved the construction of a new pool in Bamberg-East. The pool will cost 28 million Euro. This is the largest construction investment the city has undertaken since the building of the concert hall. Construction will start in the spring of 2009. The council chose the "large scale" design which includes several training pools, out door pools, wellness and sauna areas as well as fun pools with water slides. The new pool will give 16,000 students in Bamberg the ability to have swimming lessons at school.

Tornado hit forest near Tiefenlesau/Hollfeld

While lasting only 15 minutes, a storm near Hollfeld and Aufsess caused damages worth several million Euro. The tornado cut an path 15 K long through the forest, flattening an estimated 80 to 120 acres of trees. Private forest owners are now facing a severe economic loss. Walkers are advised to avoid the area since the paths through the forest have not been cleared of debris.

Hirschaid Volksschule to become first day school

The Hirschaid Volksschule, a school that includes elementary and the 5 year secondary school (Germany has three types of secondary education: 5, 6 and 9 year schools, leading to different educational and vocational levels), is the first in the County of Bamberg to offer one all-day-school class. 24 students can join that class which will last until 3:15 p.m. This is a new concept as German schools normally get out around noon leaving daycare a major problem for German parents.

Jacobsen leaves Bamberg, goes to Memphis

Casey Jacobsen, member of the National League Championship team Brose Baskets, has accepted an offer to return to the NBA with the Memphis Grizzlies. With the Baskets would wanting to play in the Euro League, the loss of one of their best players is a problem. Team manager Wolfgang Heyder said, "We need a robust center but there are financial limits."

Court stops speed limit

To protect citizens and reduce the traffic noise Gaustadt's high street had a speed limit of 30k/h since 2002. A citizen sued the city because of this and has won. The speed limit is now back to the regular 50k/h. City and citizens club members regret the decision. Says chairwoman Daniela Reinfelder: "Apparently, 40 accidents between 2001 and mid 2002 were not enough to prove that there is a potential danger."

Demonstration against airfield

1,000 people came together in Rattelsdorf to demonstrate against the construction of an airfield. Amongst the protestors were regional politicians, local farmers, members of nature preserve organizations and Greenpeace. They are afraid that the airfield will lead to noise and pollution, destroying a large natural habitat, leading to increased traffic and financial losses. A member of the Bavarian Parliament, Christa Steiger (Social Democratic Party) pointed out that only two of the 85 Bavarian airfields could operate without creating a financial deficit: "We don't need another airfield."

Redevelopment plans

Together, the city of Bamberg and the bank Sparkasse want to redevelop the area of the Sparkasse building on Lange Strasse. The plan is to tear down the present building and to create a small mall with little shops. More than 20 companies have already shown an interest.

Sunflowers for free

Farmer Johannes Zenk offers sunflowers for free. The flowers can be picked from one of his three fields near Kirchschletten, Lauf (next to sports field) and Ebing (at bike path from Rattelsdorf). His intent is to create an appreciation for farmers' work. Everybody is invited to cut the flowers (please use a knife) but Zenk reminds people only to take flowers from the three fields posted with his "Kostenlos" (for free) signs.

Sources: Information collected/translated from *Fraenkischer Tag*

Recalled Products

Two brands of Castleberry chili recalled

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to eat certain brands of chili and hot dog chili sauce. A voluntary recall by the Castleberry Food Company lists several brands of chili and chili dog sauce that may have botulism contamination.

These two products were carried in the Bamberg commissary.

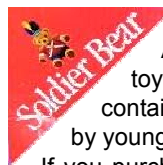


If you have this product at home, please return it to the commissary for a full refund.

- **Castleberry Hot Dog Chili Sauce - 10 oz can**
UPC: 3030000101
- **Castleberry Chili with Beans - 15 oz can**
UPC: 30300 01015

Only these products that have **"best by" dates from April 30, 2009 to May 22, 2009** are affected. "Best by" dates can be found on the can lids.

Botulism is caused by a toxin that is released from the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum*. Symptoms of botulism poisoning can begin from six hours to two weeks after eating food that contains the toxin. Symptoms may include double vision, blurred vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, dry mouth, and muscle weakness that moves progressively down the body, affecting the shoulders first then descending to the upper arms, lower arms, thighs, calves, etc. Individuals who show these symptoms and who may have recently eaten the affected products should seek immediate medical attention.



"Soldier Bear" Brand Toy Sets

AAFES is recalling certain "Soldier Bear" Brand toy set due to surface paints on toy action figures contain high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. If you purchased any of the following toy sets, please return the product to the nearest AAFES store for a full refund. For more information about this recall visit www.aafes.com

Description: Soldier Bear brand toy sets with various action figures, dinosaurs, animals and vehicles. The style number, Universal Product Code and Soldier Bear logo are printed on the products packaging.

- Heroes- Dino Mega Cruise Style # 00047
UPC # 4 98567 00047 4
- Dinosaur Adventure Set Style # 91068
UPC # 6 98567 91068 1
- Wild Animal Adventure Set Style # 91074
UPC # 6 98567 91074 2 (1 of 2 assortments)
- Dinosaur Adventure Set Style # 91074
UPC # 6 98567 91074 2 (2 of 2 assortments)
- Heroes Vehicle Play Set Style # 85939
UPC # 6 98567 85939 3
(Three styles: Military, Police and Fire Rescue)

